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Ohio, July - December 2022

Fake pills made with fentanyl have monopolized the counterfeit medicine news out of Ohio since July. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced over 87,000 fentanyl pills were seized in the state between May 23rd and September 8th. Additionally, a bust in Columbus at the end of the year kept an additional 22,000 pills off the streets. While many fentanyl pills are smuggled into the U.S., there are criminals within the U.S. making their own deadly fake pills in homemade labs. In December, the DEA announced finding multiple such labs in the Cleveland area.

Fake pills containing fentanyl are not the only type of counterfeit medicine out there. Buckeyes have also had their health put in jeopardy by doctors who sourced medicine from unsafe sources. Between 2012 and 2016, 63 doctors and medical practices across the state received warning letters after they purchased medications - including cancer medications and Botox.

Recent Incidents

December 2022

Fentanyl pills seized: "[Trio arrested after bulk fentanyl bust in Columbus](#)," Office of the Ohio Attorney General, December 22, 2022.

Fentanyl pill labs found: "[Labs making fentanyl-laced fake prescription pills discovered in Northeast Ohio](#)," *News 5 Cleveland*, December 6, 2022.

November 2022

Fentanyl pill dealer sentenced: "[Cleveland man sentenced to prison for shipping more than 2 kilograms of fentanyl pills through the U.S. mail](#)," U.S. Department of Justice, November 17, 2022.

Fentanyl pills seized: Jared Goffinet and Ken Brown, "[15 guns, fentanyl, \\$18K in cash seized in Butler County investigation](#)," *FOX19 NOW*, November 16, 2022.

Fentanyl pill dealer sentenced: "[Cincinnati man sentenced to 16 years in prison for selling fentanyl to high school student](#)," U.S. Department of Justice, November 2, 2022.



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September 2022

Fentanyl pills seized in Belmont County: Robert A. DeFrank, "[Traffic Stop Yields Fentanyl](#)," *The Times Leader*, October 7, 2022.

Fentanyl pills seized: Hannah Mackay, "[Feds seize thousands of fake pills with fentanyl in Michigan, Ohio](#)," *The Detroit News*, October 5, 2022.

Fentanyl pill dealer sentenced: "[Toledo woman sentenced to prison for role in fentanyl pill conspiracy](#)," U.S. Department of Justice, September 8, 2022.

July 2022

Fentanyl pills seized: Daniel Carson, "[Fremont police seize fentanyl pills, weapons, cash in drug raid](#)," *Fremont News-Messenger*, July 13, 2022.

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